

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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## Exhibit A

Copy of Terminal Disclaimer for USSN 10/591,728 filed with the USPTO on September  
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TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBTAIN  
A DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Petitioner, Donaldson Company, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware and having its primary place of business at P.O. Box 1299, 1400 West 94<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402, in the county of Hennepin, and the state of Minnesota represents that it is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/591,728, filed on June 11, 2007 and entitled Top Load Liquid Filter Assembly For Use With Treatment Agent; and, Methods, by virtue of our assignment recorded at Reel 019461, Frame(s) 0890.

Petitioner, Donaldson Company, Inc., hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the above-identified application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of a full statutory term of each of U.S. Patent No. 7,160,451 and 7,238,285 and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and

during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to U.S. Patent No. 7,160,451 and 7,235,285, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-identified application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors, or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, Petitioner does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application that would extend to the full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer of United States Patent No. 7,160,451 and 7,235,285, in the event that United States Patent No. 7,160,451 and 7,235,285 expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 CFR 1.321(a), has all claims cancelled by a reexamination certification, or is otherwise terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, except for the separation of legal title stated above.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: September 1, 2009

Signed: /Randall A. Hillson/  
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